

the benefits to be made available through the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration.

Amendments involving new obligations.
Ante, p. 127.

SEC. 5. No amendment under article VIII (a) of the agreement involving any new obligation for the United States shall be binding upon the United States without approval by joint resolution of Congress.

Reservations.

SEC. 6. In adopting this joint resolution the Congress does so with the following reservation:

Determination of U. S. contributions.

That in the case of the United States the appropriate constitutional body to determine the amount and character and time of the contributions of the United States is the Congress of the United States.

SEC. 7. In adopting this joint resolution the Congress does so with the following reservation:

Task of rehabilitation.

Ante, p. 127.

That it is understood that the provision in paragraph 11 of resolution numbered 12 adopted at the first session of the council, referred to in section 3 of this joint resolution and reading "The task of rehabilitation must not be considered as the beginning of reconstruction—it is coterminous with relief", contemplates that rehabilitation means and is confined only to such activities as are necessary to relief.

SEC. 8. In adopting this joint resolution the Congress does so with the following reservation:

Limitation on incurring of obligations.

That the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration shall not be authorized to enter into contracts or undertake or incur obligations beyond the limits of appropriations made under this authorization and by other countries and receipts from other sources.

Expiration date of authorization.

SEC. 9. The authorization contained in this joint resolution shall expire on June 30, 1946.

Approved March 28, 1944.

[CHAPTER 140]

AN ACT

To amend section 4 of the Act approved June 13, 1940.

March 29, 1944

[S. 1410]

[Public Law 268]

Army.
10 U. S. C. § 551a.

Brigadier generals of the line, appointment.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 4 of the Act approved June 13, 1940 (54 Stat. 381), is hereby amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 4. That hereafter brigadier generals of the line shall be appointed from among officers of the line commissioned in grades not below that of lieutenant colonel who are credited with twenty-eight years' continuous commissioned service in the Regular Army as hereinbefore provided and whose names are borne on an eligible list prepared annually by a board of not less than five general officers of the line, not below the grade of major general: *Provided, however*, That not more than 25 per centum of the total authorized number of brigadier generals of the line may be appointed, without regard to length of service, from among officers of the line commissioned in grades not below that of lieutenant colonel and whose names are borne on such eligible list. Hereafter appointment as chief of any branch shall be made from officers commissioned in grades not below that of lieutenant colonel who are credited with twenty-eight years' continuous commissioned service in the Regular Army as hereinbefore provided, and who have demonstrated by actual and extended service in such branch or on similar duty that they are qualified for such appointment."

Chiefs of branches.

Approved March 29, 1944.